

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 17th, 2012 at 7p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz and Dean Bruce.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Chief Marshal Richard Foutch, Sewage Dept Supt. John Hodge, Asst. Street Dept. Supt Roger Freeman, Michael Stanley, and James Baughn.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 4, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Sheila Reeves, Building Dept., requested approval from the Town to advance funds from the County/Town Building Dept. Funds, in the amount of \$5,600 for an archaeological survey related to the 43 Corridor Project. If for some reason, the grant does not get approved, the request will go back to the County to determine what fund it should come from. She stated it is strictly a cash flow issue since the payment must be paid by the end of the month.

Dean Bruce made a motion to allow the payment to Accidental Discoveries in the amount of \$5,600 from the County/Town Building fund until such time that the grant is approved, and it can be reimbursed. The motion was seconded, and passed 3-0.

Matt Sward, SIDC, spoke to the Board about the Rural Health Clinic. Stephanie LaFontaine and Beth Rodriguez from Centerstone were introduced to talk about their project. Their plan is to do integrated behavioral and mental health care that serves primarily the low income population. They would like to relocate from their present location, to a location on West St. Rd 46th, in order to better serve their clients, and to offer more services. To do so, they are requesting that the Town of Spencer apply for the grant on their behalf. Matt Sward explained the timing of grants, and it's relation to other projects the town is currently working on, and this should not be an issue. Additionally, the Town/Applicant is responsible for a 10% match, but Mr. Sward said that would come from Centerstone.

Dean Bruce made a motion to commit the Town of Spencer to the application of a grant for the integrated health care center. The motion was seconded, and passed 3-0.

Matt Sward also mentioned that a letter of intent was submitted on the Park Planning Grant and Jill Curry will be in contact to discuss a site visit in October.

Denise Shaw spoke on behalf of Economic Development about the progress of the 43 Corridor Project. She also mentioned the increased interest in the downtown revitalization project that she is hearing in their office and offered their help.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Marshal Foutch mentioned that Reserve Officer Shields resigned his position and that he would be replaced.

Jon Stantz stated that he would like to make sure that everyone in town is familiar with the nuisance ordinances. He would like to use a format, similar to what was used with the sewer issue. He also stated, he would like to have these ordinances enforced. A conversation ensued about the dog issue that has been occurring in town lately.

The Board decided to set a work session for Wednesday, September 26th, to discuss further the town ordinances.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Roger Freeman mentioned that the request for additional directional signs along Cooper Street was approved. Richard Lorenz commented that the property behind the Art Guild would be available for use by the Guild for overflow parking, while the Town clears the title and takes ownership. At that time, they would consider a permanent solution.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge updated the Board on the current maintenance projects and operations.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve sewer adjustments for the following:

1187 Wisconsin Street	\$199.33
25 South High	\$212.67
305 Lewis Lane	\$116.76
412 E. Market	\$ 25.02

The request for adjustment at 459 W. North St. was denied, but could be reapplied for . The motion was seconded, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported that the zoning classifications were reviewed and were presently being used as designated. He asked the board to review and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Cynthia requested more time to review the budget, but did not see anything that required immediate action.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer discussed insurance options from Anthem for the Board to consider. No change would result in a 10% increase in insurance, while an option that includes an increase of \$5.00 for office visit, and an increase in pharmacy medications at the higher end, would result in no premium increase from 2012 to 2013, (which would result in an actual savings of 10%).

Jon Stantz made a motion to change the insurance options as recommended on Anthem for 2013. It was seconded by Cynthia Hyde, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded by Jon Stantz passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 3-0.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer